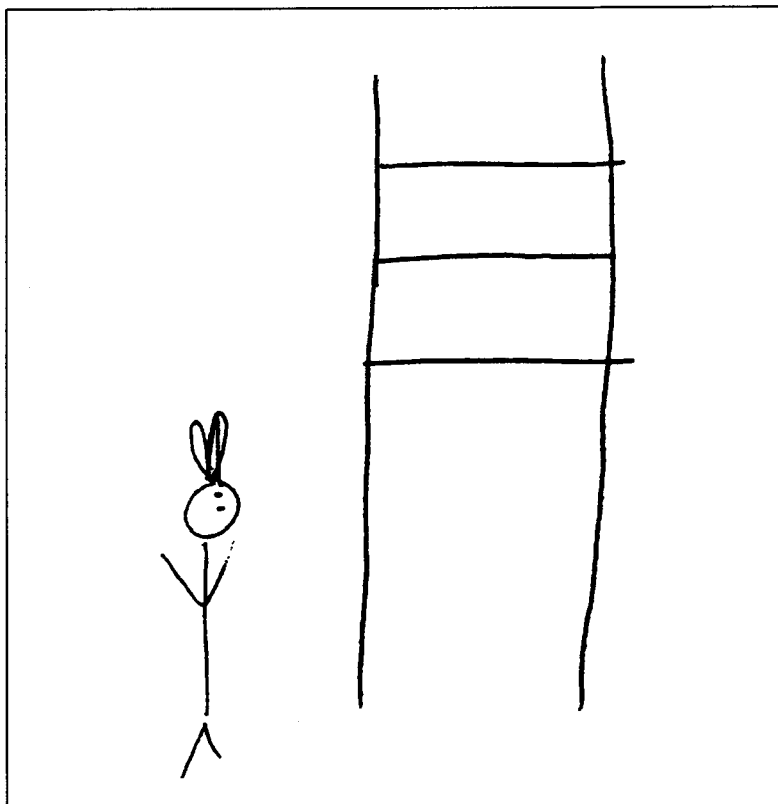




Dedication

In Memory of Frank Dukepoo, PhD

Dr. Dukepoo described the barriers American Indians face in accessing the National Institutes of Health, by drawing this picture on a dinner napkin during the Roundtable meeting. It shows an Indian researcher facing the “NIH Ladder” with missing rungs at the bottom. Frank passed away later that year.



Frank Dukepoo, PhD, established the “National Indian Honor Society” in 1981. The Society has motivated over 2,500 American Indian and Alaska Native students at the pre-college level to achieve their highest potential, all graduating high school with straight A’s. The Society’s “Summer Program” achieved a 100% retention rate over the last three years.

“By making a long-term investment at the lower grade levels, students develop a positive feeling about themselves.” – Frank Dukepoo